

SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 599. A resolution designating the week of October 23, 2006, through October 27, 2006, as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 600. A resolution designating October 12, 2006, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 601. A resolution recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 602. A resolution memorializing and honoring the contributions of Byron Nelson; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 603. A resolution designating Thursday, November 16, 2006, as "Feed America Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 604. A resolution recognizing the work and accomplishments of Mr. Britt "Max" Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center upon his retirement; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 605. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Senator Paul Wellstone should be remembered for his compassion and leadership on social issues and that Congress should act to end discrimination against citizens of the United States who live with a mental illness by making legislation relating to mental health parity a priority for the 110th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 606. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. FRIST, Mr. KYL, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. NELSON of

Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. BURNS):

S. Res. 607. A resolution admonishing the statements made by President Hugo Chavez at the United Nations General Assembly on September 20, 2006, and the undemocratic actions of President Chavez; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 608. A resolution recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Serving Institutions, and the 20 years of educational endeavors provided by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 609. A resolution honoring the children's charities, youth-serving organizations, and other nongovernmental organizations committed to enriching and bettering the lives of children and designating the week of September 24, 2006, as "Child Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 610. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should promote the adoption of, and the United Nations should adopt, a resolution at its October meeting to protect the living resources of the high seas from destructive, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing practices; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. Res. 611. A resolution supporting the efforts of the Independent National Electoral Commission of the Government of Nigeria, political parties, civil society, religious organizations, and the people of Nigeria from one civilian government to another in to be general elections to be held in April 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. Con. Res. 121. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that joint custody laws for fit parents should be passed by each State, so that more children are raised with the benefits of having a father and a mother in their lives; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic

legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1326

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1326, a bill to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1508

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1508, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 1948

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks.

S. 2322

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2322, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 2563

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2563, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 3485

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3485, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 3535

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3535, a bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and to enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 3616

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to preserve affordable housing in multifamily housing units which are sold or exchanged.

S. 3651

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3651, a bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 3655

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3655, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals eligible for veterans health benefits to contribute to health savings accounts.

S. 3696

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3696, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 3703

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3703, a bill to provide for a temporary process for individuals entering the Medicare coverage gap to switch to a plan that provides coverage in the gap.

S. 3705

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3705, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 3744

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3744, a bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program.

S. 3787

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3787, a bill to establish a congressional Commission on the Abolition of Modern-Day Slavery.

S. 3792

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition.

S. 3814

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3814, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3828

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3828, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3883

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3883, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for advanced coal-based generation technology units under the qualifying advanced coal project credit.

S. 3884

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3884, a bill to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 3912

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3912, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the exceptions process with respect to caps on payments for therapy services under the Medicare program.

S. 3936

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3936, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 3944

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3944, a bill to provide for a 1-year extension of programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 3961

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3961, a bill to provide for

enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 3962

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3962, a bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to assure protection of public health and safety, to ensure the territorial integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes.

S. 3971

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3971, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3971, *supra*.

S. 3984

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3984, a bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 3991

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3991, a bill to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3991, *supra*.

S. CON. RES. 119

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public policy should continue to protect and strengthen the ability of farmers and ranchers to join together in cooperative self-help efforts.

S. RES. 549

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 549, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding modern-day slavery.

AMENDMENT NO. 5022

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5022 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6061, a bill to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID:

S. 3994. A bill to extend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996; read the first time.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3994

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 13(b) of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by striking "on September 29, 2006" and inserting "on November 17, 2006"

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 3995. A bill to provide education opportunity grants to low-income secondary school students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I rise to speak about legislation that I am introducing today along with the Senator from Illinois, Mr. OBAMA. At this time of year, with much bitter partisanship, I really am pleased to work with Senator OBAMA for something that we think is important to the country.

The Education Opportunity Act is a bill that would significantly expand college-level opportunities for low-income high school students and teach these students that success in school can mean success in life.

In the fast-paced, technologically advanced global economy of the 21st century, old distinctions between high school and college are becoming obsolete. For our students to succeed in tomorrow's workplace, we must be innovative and allow more choices of study today.

As we look toward reauthorizing No Child Left Behind, I believe it is important to examine what has worked and where students are still falling between the cracks. While we have expanded advanced placement classes, what we call AP classes, through the President's Advanced Placement Incentives Program, I believe we are missing another vital avenue to increase college-level opportunities for low-income students. That is why I am proud to work together with Senator OBAMA to establish education opportunity grants for high school students.

Our bill is similar to the Federal Pell grant program, which funds need-based aid that does not have to be repaid by the students. These grants could be

made available for classes at community colleges or universities that would admit a high school student to enroll in classes. These grant scholarships will help keep our high school students in school by raising their expectations and showing them that they can do college-level work. They could also accumulate college-level credits while still in high school.

Our national dropout rate is at record highs, and it is on the rise. In my own home State of South Carolina, high school students are dropping out at an alarming rate, with half of all students failing to complete high school in 4 years. It is no secret that most of these at-risk students are from low-income families.

Currently, there are only two ways high school students can gain college credit. They either take the AP classes at high school or participate in dual enrollment programs. Some high schools, particularly those with a high percentage of low-income students, are not able to offer advanced placement classes, and students are required to forgo college classes that they might want to take because their families can't afford to foot the bill. The result is that students with great promise who happen to come from disadvantaged families lose interest in a school that does not offer classes tailored to their talents and interests.

Senator OBAMA and I believe if we expose students to the hundreds of classes available at their local colleges, some of which are listed on the chart behind me, many students who are not excited about high school world history classes will, instead, discover that they are interested in computer science or marketing and can learn a skill that they can see will directly apply to a future job.

Make no mistake, traditional classes in biology, English, and history are important. But if a student drops out because they don't have the flexibility to also pursue more nontraditional avenues, those classes do not do them any good.

Education opportunity grants are a cost-effective way to educate students by utilizing the preexisting infrastructure already available at local colleges. I believe this will show many students that a college degree is attainable and that they will be better prepared to start college or enter the workforce with marketable skills as a high school graduate.

As I mentioned before, I believe it is critical that we do a better job accommodating the needs of all our students and continue to create opportunities for each young person to learn in ways that make sense to them and have direct application to their goals in life.

This legislation is one more valuable option for our educational system to empower students and parents with choices and the ability to follow an educational path that meets their individual needs.